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SUBJECT: JULY 21 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

WITNESSES SAY NEARLY 300 CAMBODIANS GUNNED DOWN BY KR DURING ATTEMPTS ESCAPE INTO THAILAND (CSM). DEATHS OCCURRED IN 3 SEPARATE AMBUSHES LAST WK, ACCORDING SURVIVORS (WSJ); AMBUSHES OCCURRED ABOUT 50 MILES FROM THAI BORDER NEAR BATTAMBANG CITY. SURVIVOR SAYS STARVATION, HARSH TREATMENT FORCED MANY ATTEMPT ESCAPE. ABOUT 7000 KHMER HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN THAILAND SINCE CAMBODIA FELL. REFUGEES SAY CHOLERA, OTHER DISEASES HAD BROKEN OUT AND REGIME LACKED MODERN MEDICINE TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS. SOME KHMER REFUGEES STATE THAI VILLAGERS SEARCHED THEM FOR GOLD, MONEY UPON CROSSING FRONTIER (AP NYDN, SUN, GLOBE, WP, PHINQ, NYT; HEADLINE STORY IN CHITRIB).
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LONDON PAPER SAYS SOME CAMBODIANS SHACKLED TO PLOWS IN PLACE BUFFALO, OTHERS FORCED TILL LAND WITH BARE HANDS (WSJ) LONDON OBSERVER'S FRANKLIN (WP) FROM THAI-KHMER BORDER REPORTS STORY OF SHOPKEEPER FROM KHMER SIDE WHO WAS MOVED

FROM TOWN TO WORK ON LAND 10 HRS PER DAY, WITH POL LECTURES
EVENINGS. FOOD SCARCE, MONKS FORCED TO WORK, GROUP TRIED
ESCAPE, BUT ONLY
40 OUT OF 200 MADE IT. UNTIL RICE HARVEST IN WINTER,
FOOD WILL BE SHORT AND MANY WEAK, OLD, VERY YOUNG
WILL DIE; BUT SURVIVAL CHANCES BETTER IN COUNTRYSIDE
THAN IN TOWNS. FRANKLIN COMMENTS THAT REFUGEES'
STORIES DO NOT SUGGEST ALL-OUT ATTEMPT BY COMMUNIST
TO KILL CLASS ENEMIES, THAT REGIME SEEMS LACK
CONFIDENCE IN SELF TO COPE WITH BUREAUCRATS, TECHNICIANS
WHOSE HELP THEY NEED -- SO THEY GOT RID OF THEM BY
PUSHING INTO COUNTRYSIDE.

TWO OFFICIALS TO LEAVE MANILA TOMORROW FOR NVN, SVN
TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC TIES
(AP, SUN).

BANK AMERICA VP VISITED HANOI TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TRADE
WITH US. INVITATION INDICATED NVN INTERESTED US TRADE
TO HELP REBUILD SHATTERED ECONOMY, BUT DOES NOT
REPRESENT MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH. SEVERAL US OIL
COMPANIES THAT WERE EXPLORING OFF SVN INTERESTED IN
APPROACHING COMMUNISTS ABOUT RESUMING OPNS, INCLUDING
MOBIL, SHELL, EXXON (BUTTERFIELD, NYT 7/19). BRADSHER
(WSTAR 7/20) REPORTS ADMIN ISSUING FIRST LICENSES
FOR EXPORTS TO SVN SINCE SAIGON FELL, PERMITTING
HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES TO BE SENT BY RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS.
SEVERAL PRIVATE COMPANIES HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT TRADE
WITH SVN; QUESTION BEING STUDIED AT DOS, TREASURY,
OTHER AGENCIES.

DEBRUIN IN CHITRIB, BROTHER OF ACKNOWLEDGED PL POW
SINCE 1963, TELLS OF BROTHER'S CAPTURE, ATTEMPTS TO
ESCAPE, OWN TRAVELS FOR INFO, REFUSAL PL PROVIDE DATA.

IN FIRST OF 3 ARTICLES ON EDUCATION IN EMERGING WORLD,
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CSM NOTES FRENCH SYSTEM STILL DOMINATES IN NVN, SVN,
LAOS, AND UNTIL RECENTLY IN CAMBODIA.

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CHITRIB CARRIES UPI PHOTO OF VIET REFUGEE YOUNGSTER
SPLASHING IN WATER TO COOL OFF IN OHAMA; MENTIONS
16 REFUGEE DOCTORS STUDY US MEDICINE AT CREIGHTON
TO PREPARE FOR PRACTICE IN NEBRASKA TOWNS.

WP'S BROWN TELLS OF ARLINGTON MARKETS THAT CARRY
VIET FOODSTUFFS, HAVE BECOME SOCIAL CENTERS FOR
REFUGEES.

3. THAILAND

RTG SUMMONS AMB FROM LAOS FOR URGENT DISCUSSIONS.
FONMIN SAYS MUST KNOW POLICY OF PL GOVT TOWARD
THAILAND (AP, SUN).

4; CHINA

PRAVDA BLAMES PRC-BACKED NATL FRONT FOR LIBERATION
OF ANGOLA (FNLA) FOR DEATHS IN LAST WEEK'S CLASHES BE-
TWEEN ANGOLA LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, STATING IT WAS "NOTABLE"
THAT FNLA'A ARMED DETACHMENTS TRAINED BY CHINESE IN-
STRUCTORS SENT BY PEKING (REUTER, WP).

PRC BOOKSTALLS RECENTLY FEATURING SERIES OF MANUALS
DEALING WITH CONTRACEPTION, STERILIZATION, TEEN-AGE
SEX PROBLEMS. COSTING ABOUT 30 CTS, BOOKLETS OFFER
MAO QUOTATIONS ON HYGIENE, MEDICAL WORK, AND "SERVICE
OF THE PEOPLE"; WARN PREOCCUPATION WITH SEX CAUSES
"EROSION OF REVOLUTIONARY WILL" (WP).

5. MALAYSIA

CHASE MANHATTAN BANK REPORT SAYS DEPRESSED PRICES FOR
KEY MALAYSIAN COMMODITIES, COMBINED WITH INCREASED IM-
PORTS, WILL CAUSE MALAYSIA TO FACE ITS FIRST TRADE DEF-
ICIT THIS YR (WSJ).

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6. DIEGO GARCIA

DOD FREE TO ENLARGE DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES UNLESS
SENATE ACTS BY AUG 1. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION RETURN-
ING FROM SOMALIA CONFIRMED REPORTS CITING SOVIET EXPAN-
SION THERE, BUT CRITICS MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC CONSEQUENCES
OF EXPANDING DIEGO GARCIA BASE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
(MACLEAN, CHITRIB).

7. JAPAN

UNIDENTIFIED MAN THREW FIRE-BOMB INTO SDF BASE DOWNTOWN
TOKYO SUNDAY; TWO SDF PERSONNEL INJURED. POLICE SAID
OTHER SDF PERSONNEL CAUGHT BOMB THROWER (AP, WP).

JAMESON (LAT 7/18) SAYS POLICE FAILED INSPECT CAVE
IN WHICH TWO OKINAWAN RADICALS HID BEFORE THROWING
FIRE-BOMBS AT CROWN PRINCE THURSDAY -- CONSIDERED IT
SACRED RESTING PLACE OF REMAINS OF HUNDREDS OF GIRLS
MEMORIALIZED AT HIMEYURI SHRINE, WHO CHOSE COMMIT
SUICIDE RATHER THAN SURRENDER IN 1945.
NEWSWEEK CITES JUSTICE DEPT, FORMER FBI EMPLOYEES
AS SOURCE OF STORY FBI BROKE INTO SEVERAL EMBASSIES

IN RECENT YEARS, INCLUDING JAPANESE (REUTER, NYT).
FBI SPOKESMAN DECLINED COMMENT (NYT, WASHINGTON.)

CONFERENCE BOARD (NON-PROFIT RESEARCH GROUP) STUDY
SHOWS SHARP DECLINE IN FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT
IN US FIRST HALF 1975; JAPAN TOPPED LIST OF 43
FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROJECTS ANNOUNCED SECOND QUARTER,
WITH NINE (NYT, NYDN).

DOW CHEMICAL JAPAN LTD. SAYS FORMAL APPLICATION FILED
WITH GOJ FOR PERMIT MANUFACTURE WIDE RANGE OF CHEMICALS
IN JAPAN; FIRM ONLY ALLOWED IMPORT, MIX, PACKAGE,
REPACKAGE, SELL PRODUCTS UNDER PRESENT ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION (WSJ, TOKYO).

TOYOTA OFFICIAL SEES END OF DOMESTIC SLUMP, AS FIRM
UPS PRODUCTION 14 PERCENT TO 1.1 MILLION VEHICLES
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IN FIRST HALF 1975; NOTES EXPORTS DOWN EIGHT PERCENT
SAME PERIOD, TO 396,012 UNITS (WSJ).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO SAYS JAPANESE CAR MAKERS
RUSHING DEVELOPMENT OF SUB-COMPACT CARS CAPABLE OF
GETTING 40 MPG, IN BELIEF US PUBLIC WILL SNAP UP
SUCH MODELS FAST AS APPEAR ON MARKET.

8. MACAO

LEE (AP WSTAR 7/20) REPORTS MACAO RELATIVELY UNAFFECTED
BY 1974 PORTUGUESE MILITARY TAKEOVER; POPULATION,
97 PCT CHINESE, MORE CONCERNED OVER WHAT HAPPENS IN
PRC. THEY CONSIDER DEMANDS FOR SHIFT TOWARD SOVIETS
"WISHFUL THINKING" BECAUSE OF PEKING'S INFLUENCE OVER
ISLAND. CITES LOCAL CHINESE SAYING: "WHEN PEKING
SNEEZES, MACAO TREMBLES; BUT WHEN LISBON ROARS,
NOTHING HAPPENS."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

IN LETTER TO WP, GAETANA ENDERS REBUTS SALLY QUINN
ARTICLE OF JULY 15; DENIES HER EFFORTS DIRECTED
LARGELY TO PLACING REFUGEES AS SERVANTS; RECAPS
SPONSORSHIP, TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS MADE. ALSO DENIES
HAVING MADE DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT SEN KENNEDY'S
PERSONAL CONDUCT (THOUGH QUINN STANDS BY ACCOUNT
OF KENNEDY COMMENTS MADE BY MRS ENDERS).

10. KOREA

CSM EXCEPTS STATEMENT TO HOUSE INTL REL COMM BY
DON RANARD, FORMER DOS KOREA DIRECTOR. RANARD
SYMPATHIZES WITH FRUSTRATIONS OF THOSE WHO WISH CUT
OFF ALL MIL AID TO ROK BECAUSE OF ITS SHAMEFUL RECORD
IN HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT REJECTS THEIR REMEDY. NOTES
KOREAN PEOPLE WILL NOT ENDURE FOREVER GOVT WHICH
DENIES THEM RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE. PREDICTS TROUBLE
IN SK IF PRESENT COURSE NOT CHANGED; SUGGESTS WOULD
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BE BETTER IF US PLAYED HONORABLE ROLE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE CONSISTENT WITH OUR IDEAL (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WILLIAM RUSHER (PHINQ) STATES AMERICAN LIBERALS
TURNING ATTENTION TO SK NOW THAT SEA IN COMMUNISM;S
POCKET. SAYS LIBERALS IGNORE STRUGGLE OF OBSTINATE
LITTLE COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE; EXPRESS
DISSATISFACTION THAT SK NOT "DEMOCRATIC" ENOUGH --
BUT WASTE NO ENERGY BROODING OVER NK, WHICH IS
COMMUNIST AND WILL REMAIN SO AS LONG AS THAT "WORLDWIDE
CURSE" HANGS OVER MANKIND. CONCLUDES LIBERAL ARGUMENT
IS SK MUST HAVE "DEMOCRACY" BY THE TON -- UNLESS IT
PREFERS TO DIE IN PEACE, IN WAITING ARMS OF COMMUNISM.

10. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO SAYS JAPAN'S UNPUBLICIZED,
LITTLE-KNOWN ARMS INDUSTRY HAS QUIETLY GROWN INTO
BILLION-DOLLAR BUSINESS, MOSTLY BY SAME FIRMS THAT
SUPPLIED IMPERIAL FORCES BEFORE, DURING WW II.
INDUSTRY BARRED FROM EXPORTING ARMS BY "OCCUPATION-
ERA EDICT" (SIC), ABLE EXPAND ONLY AS FAST AS SDF.
ANNUAL DETENSE BUDGET OF 4 BILLION DOLS RANKS JAPAN
AS SEVENTH LARGEST MILITARY SPENDER IN WORLD, BUT
ARMS SPENDING TOTALS LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF GNP.
PROVIDES STRONG BASIS FOR EXPANSION IN EMERGENCY,
EXCEPT IN AEROSPACE WHICH STILL DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN
TECHNOLOGY.

SEIDEN ALSO ADVISES VISITORS NOT COME WITH ILLUSIONS,
FOR MODERN JAPAN IS HARD COUNTRY TO LOVE. BUT IF ONE
GETS OVER SHOCK OF CROWDS, NOISE, POLLUTION, AND
STAYS LONG ENOUGH TO GET TO KNOW PEOPLE, MAY EVEN
GROW FOND OF "LAND OF RISING SUN."

HALLORAN (NYT) DESCRIBES HOW PORT OF KOBE MOVING
MOUNTAINS TO EXPAND PIERS, WAREHOUSES -- BY BUILD N6
WORLD'S LARGEST MAN-MADE ISLAND, PORT ISLAND 12
MILES OFFSHORE, WITH FILL CONVEYORED DOWN FROM MOUNT

YOKO. ALSO BUILDING 1,200 ACRES YOKO ISLAND NEARBY,
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WITH 130 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF FILL, AT COST 600 MILLION DOLS.

IN LETTER TO LAT (7/17), R.D. JOHNSON QUESTIONS "UNREALISTIC" STATEMENT BY ELEGANT IN COLUMN HEADED "SO RUDE ABROAD -- SO POLITE AT HOME" (7/3), THAT JAPANESE SUFFER "TREMENDOUS SHOCK" WHEN EXPOSED TO OPEN COMPETITION. STATES VAST AMOUNT OF JAPANESE GOODS BEING SOLD PROVIDES AMPLE EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY. MARGARET BUCCERY LETTER LABELS ELEGANT PIECE "INANE GENERALIZATION" THAT ENLIGHTENED CITIZENS RECOGNIZE AS SAME KIND OF THINKING THAT LED TO 1913 ALIEN LAND BILL AND IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1924 THAT EXCLUDED ORIENTALS, INCLUDING JAPANESE.

11. CHINA

CSM PRINTS CHINA POST EDIT STATING ROC NEARLY MILITARILY SELF-SUFFICIENT, BUILDING OWN AIRPLANES, DEVELOPING STEEL INDUSTRY SO TANKS AND OTHER MILITARY VEHICLES MAY BE BUILT. THOUGH STILL DEPENDENT UPON US, ROC'S MILITARY PREPAREDNESS ALLOWS US TO CONCENTRATE FORCES "WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED, AS IN SK, WHERE THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN MAKING THREATENING GESTURES THIS YR."

GILES (WSJ) IN SHANGHAI NOTES PRC FACES MANY MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS DUE TO INEFFICIENCY MAO'S "REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES". REMARKS WORKERS' LIVES MUCH DEPENDENT UPON FACTORY, WHICH PAYS EVERYTHING FROM CHILD CARE THROUGH FUNERAL EXPENSES. STATES PRC'S INDUSTRIAL MODERNIZATION STRUGGLE "MAY REQUIRE MORE OBJECTIVE MANAGERS".

12. DIEGO GARCIA

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) SAY CONFIDENTIAL DIPLOMATIC CABLES RECEIVED BY US SENATORS SEEKING INDIAN OCEAN NEUTRALIZATION INDICATE SOVIETS UNWILLING NEGOTIATE. STATE SEN CULVER "DISAPPOINTED" BY SOVIET EVASIVENESS REGARDING QUESTION DURING RECENT MEETINGS. SUGGEST "PARTISAN AMERICAN POLITICIANS TOTALLY LACKING IN DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE" WERE DUPED
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BY KREMLIN OFFICIALS CLAIMING INTEREST IN DISCUSSING NAVAL LIMITATIONS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). KISSINGER

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